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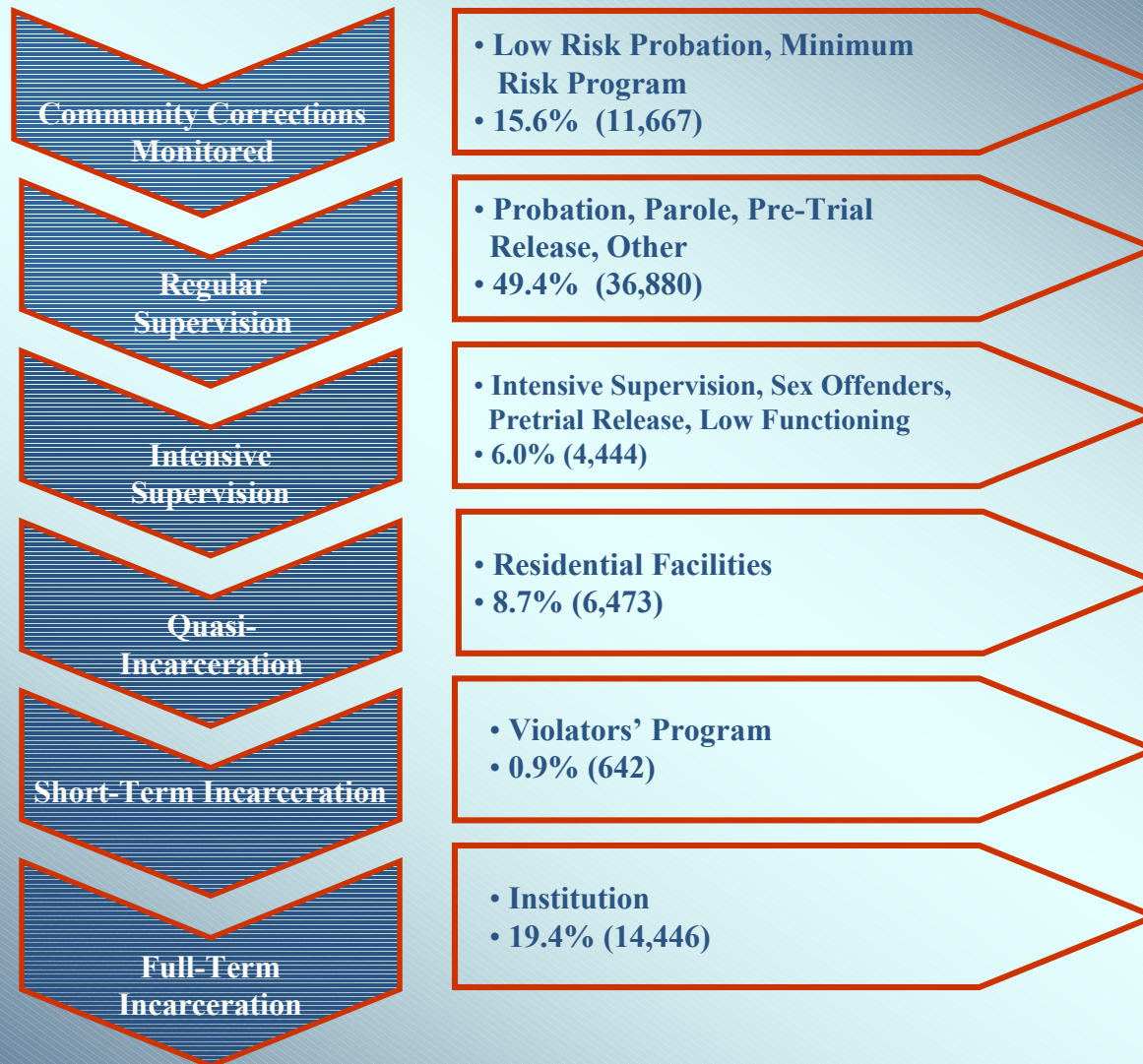
# **Reentry: Communities and Corrections United**

Presentation to  
**2008 Justice Appropriations  
Subcommittee**



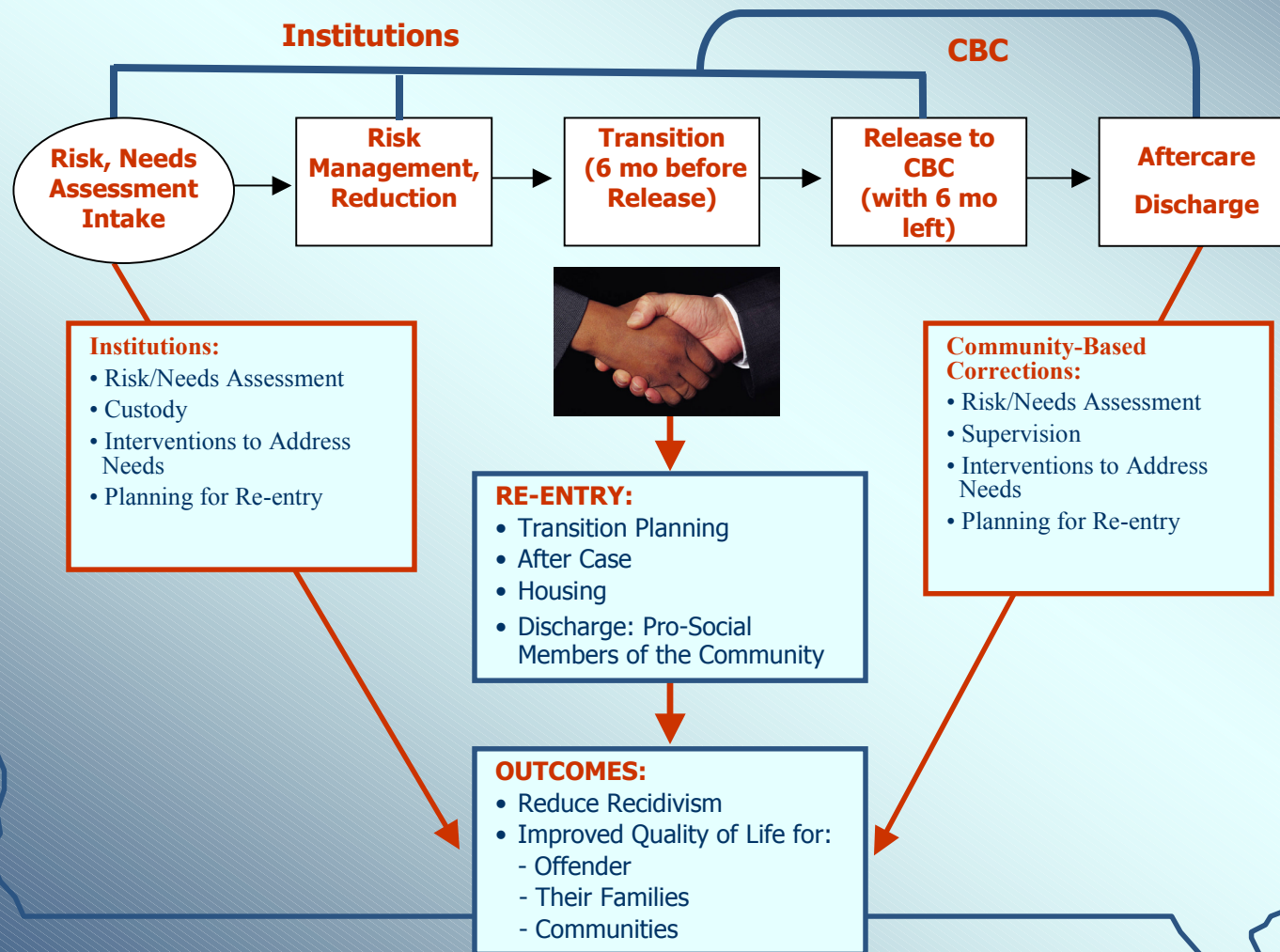
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# Corrections Continuum - FY 2007 Served



# Integrating Responsibilities

We protect the community, staff and offenders from victimization by creating partnerships and utilizing evidence based practices to prepare offenders to be pro- social members of the community without correctional supervision.



# **Releases from Institutions (2007)**

- **5,850 Total**
  - **Of that total –**
    - **1,389 Parole (Iowa)**
    - **1,281 Work release**
    - **1,273 Discharge, end of sentence**



# **Releases to Polk and Black Hawk Counties (2007)**

## **■ Parole**

- Polk – 644, 46%**
- Black Hawk – 343, 25%**

## **■ Work release**

- Polk – 264, 21%**
- Black Hawk – 203, 16%**

## **■ Discharge, End of Sentence**

- Polk – 204, 16%**
- Black Hawk – 81, 6%**

# **Therapeutic Communities (TCs) in Institutions**

- **ICIW TC (STAR)**
  - Operational since September 2000
- **Ft. Dodge Correctional Facility TC**
  - Redesign current substance abuse treatment to create a TC
- **Reentry Coordinators to assist in transition planning**

# One-Stop Reentry Centers

- **Primary focus on offenders released from ICIW and Ft. Dodge TCs to Black Hawk and Polk Counties**
  - African-American cultural responsiveness
  - Female offender gender responsiveness
  - Employment
  - Substance abuse continuing care
  - Mental health services
  - Housing
  - Family reintegration

## **Community Treatment Resource Centers in Des Moines and Waterloo**

- **Centers in high-crime neighborhoods for high-risk offenders, their families, and communities in collaboration with the First and Fifth Judicial Districts and Iowa Workforce Development.**



## **Services and resources include:**

- **African-American and Hispanic cultural responsiveness**
- **Female offender gender responsiveness**
- **Assessment and day treatment tracks, including in-patient substance abuse**
  - **Mental health support/services through Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)**
  - **Employment and education services**
  - **Mentor program**
  - **Family reintegration with DHS and community-based groups**

## **Services and resources continued...**

- **Community rehabilitation and social supports to strengthen community – community service, community recreational and social activities, and resources linkage**
- **Housing partnership**
- **Community police component**
- **Community and faith-based organizations**

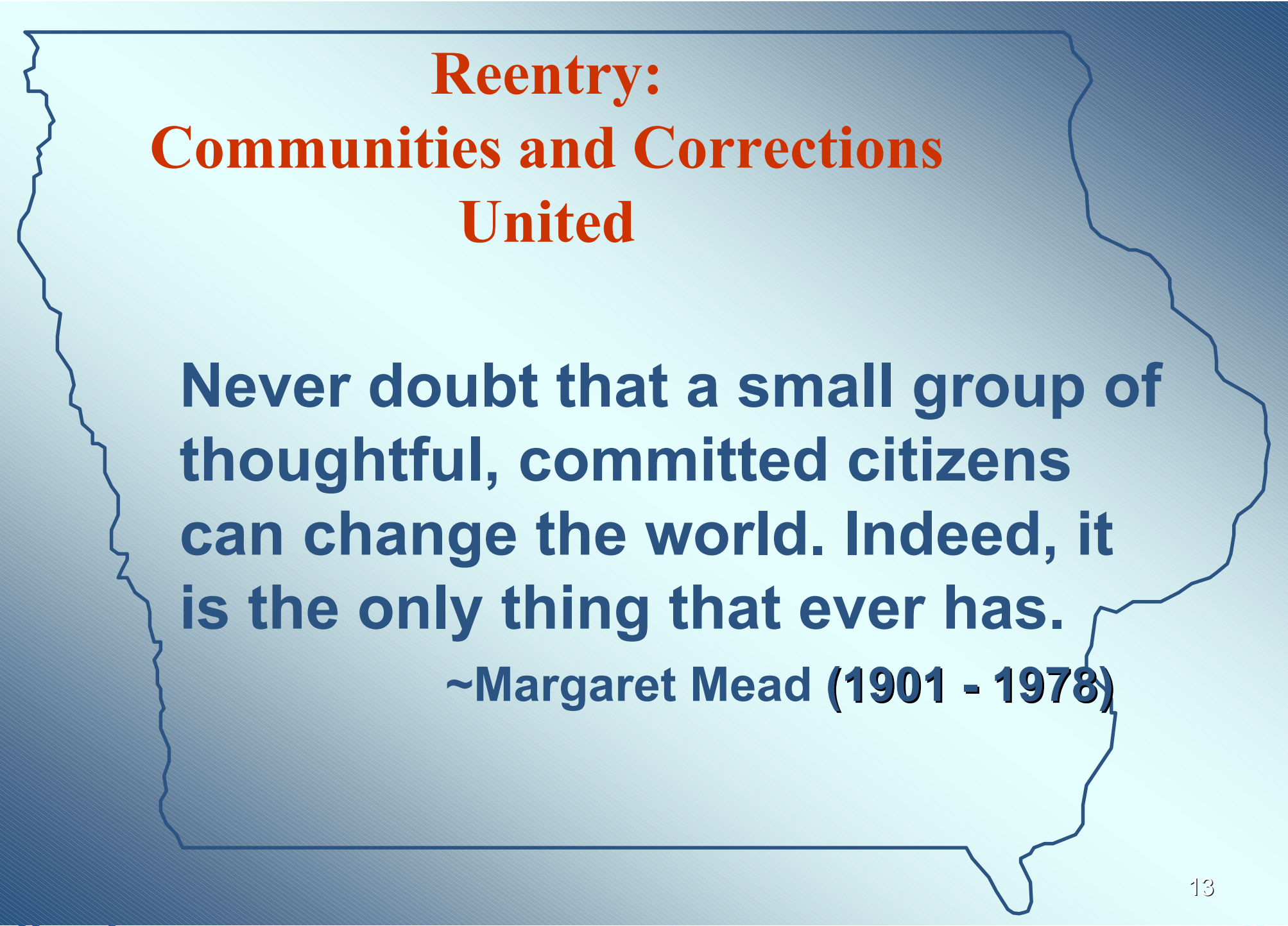
## Talking Points

- One-stop community-based Reentry and Treatment Resource Centers are an innovative approach to engaging offenders, families, and neighborhoods in successful offender reintegration as well as strengthening families and the fabric of communities.
- The disproportionate incarceration rate of African-Americans is addressed by locating community-based resources in high crime rate African-American communities, increased hiring of African-American staff, and effective collaboration with the African-American community and faith-based organizations.
- Primary substance abuse and mental health needs of offenders would be addressed through improved access to community-based resources.

# Partnerships

- **Demonstration to Maintain Independence and Employment Grant (DMIE)**
- **Prisoner Reentry Initiative Grant-5<sup>th</sup> District**
- **Prisoner Reentry Initiative Grant-2<sup>nd</sup> District**
- **Access to Recovery Grant-IDPH**





# **Reentry: Communities and Corrections United**

**Never doubt that a small group of  
thoughtful, committed citizens  
can change the world. Indeed, it  
is the only thing that ever has.**

**~Margaret Mead (1901 - 1978)**

**An Iowa with no Victims.**



**Our mission is to protect the Public, the Staff, and the Offenders from victimization.**